

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided an ink jet recording apparatus in which ink is ejected from recording means to a recording medium to carry out recording, including a cap which covers an ink ejection port of the recording means, a cap holder which holds the cap, a cap base which rotatably and vertically movably supports the cap holder, and a base member which rotatably supports the cap base, wherein, when the cap is separated from the recording means by a predetermined distance, a position of the cap holder is controlled in a state in which the cap holder is oblique at a predetermined angle relative to the cap base so that an abutting plane of the cap is substantially parallel to an ink ejection port surface of the recording means. According to the apparatus, the structure is compact and inexpensive, the cap member can be surely in close contact with the ejection port surface of the recording means with constantly pressing force, and the ejection port surface can be covered while the airtightness is surely held.